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SUBJ: PRESIDENT ATTRIBUTES INTERNAL DISORDERS TO GREED OF  
UNSPECIFIED INTERNATIONAL POWERS FOR CHADIAN PETROLEUM

REF: N'DJAMENA 802

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SINCE THE TWO FIRES AT SARH AND N'DJAMENA  
HEADQUARTERS OF COMPAGNIE TCHADIENNE DE SECURITE (CTS) AND SHOOT-  
ING INCIDENT AT GENDARMERIE HEADQUARTERS APRIL 2 REPORTED REFTEL,  
THREE SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT AND SEVERAL RADIO/PRESS EDITORIALS HAVE  
CONTRIBUTED MUCH RHETORIC BUT LITTLE SUBSTANCE TO GENERAL UNDERSTAND-  
ING OF CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION. PRESIDENT PROFESSES, AND QUITE  
POSSIBLY BELIEVES IN, CONSPIRACY THEORY IN WHICH SENIOR CHADIAN  
MILITARY FIGURES AND OTHERS HAVE COMBINED WITH "INTERNATIONAL  
POWERS" AND "INTERNATIONAL MAIFA" TO PLOT HIS DEATH AND OVERTHROW  
OF REGIME. IDENTITY OF FOREIGN POWERS NOT SPECIFIED,  
BUT FRENCH SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED BY PRESS FROM ACCUSATION. CHAD-  
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IAN MILITARY FORCES, APPARENTLY INCLUDING ALL BRANCHES THEREOF, TO

BE "TOTALLY AND RADICALLY" REORGANIZED. INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, AS ENEMIES, ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT, WISH DISRUPT PETROLEUM NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL FOLLOW ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE SOON OF PETROLEUM FINDS IN CHAD AND, SECONDLY, TO DISRUPT GOC CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE COTTON CROP BY 500 PCT IN ONE YEAR.

END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST PUBLIC REACTION PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE TO ABOVE EVENTS WAS RADIO BROADCAST EVENING APRIL 6, ADDRESSED TO OFFICERS AND MEN OF CHADIAN MILITARY. FIVE MINUTE SPEECH WAS SCATHING ATTACK ON MILITARY, SPECIFICALLY SENIOR OFFICERS. ARMY COMPORTS ITSELF AS ARMY OF OCCUPATION RATHER THAN DEFENDER OF THE PEOPLE; IT "RESOLUTELY IGNORES THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES;" COMMANDS OF OFFICERS GO UNOBEYED AND DISOBEDIENCE REMAINS UNPUNISHED AS OFFICERS FEAR SUBORDINATES' REVELATIONS REGARDING THEIR CONDUCT. "I HEAR," PRESIDENT SAID, "THAT THERE IS LACK OF MOTOR FUEL, THAT TRUCKS HAVE BROKEN DOWN, THAT THERE IS TOO MUCH OF THIS AND NOT ENOUGH OF THAT....." BUT "WHAT KIND OF ARMY DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MARCH?" WITH LEADERSHIP ARMY COULD CONQUER CONTINENTS BAREFOOT. THEREFORE TO INSTALL NEW SENCE DISCIPLINE AND PRIDE, ARMY WILL BE COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY REORGANIZED WITHOUT DELAY.

3. ON APRIL 7 N'DJAMENA MNRCS "MILITANTS" ORGANIZED AFTERNOON MARCH FROM CENTER N'DJAMENA TO PRESIDENCY IN SUPPORT OF TOMBALBAYE. IN INFORMAL REMARKS OF MARCHERS BROADCAST LIVE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO ABOVE-MENTIONED INCIDENTS, DENOUNCED ARRESTED SENIOR GENDARMERIE AND ARMY OFFICERS, AND RETURNED TO THEME OF REORGANIZATION OF MILITARY, STILL GIVING NO DETAILS. THE REASONS BEHIND THE INCIDENTS AND OTHER UNREST IN COUNTRYSIDE, PRESIDENT SAID, WAS THAT "IN LITTLE WHILE THERE WILL BE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY EXPLOITATION OF THE PETROL OF DOBA AND THE INTERNATIONAL POWERS, THE INTERNATIONAL MAFIA, WOULD LIKE, AT MOMENT FOR NEGOTIATING PETROL AT DOBA FOR WELFARE OF CHADIANS" TO DISRUPT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THEIR OWN ENDS. SECONDLY, ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT, "THE ENEMY IS NOT HAPPY": WITH PROGRESS TOWARDS INCREASING COTTON PRODUCTION BY 500 PCT AND THEREFORE PLANS SABOTAGE PROJECT. THESE ARE TWO MAIN REASONS BEHIND RECENT EVENTS. "ENEMY" NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, BUT FRENCH PERIODICAL JEUNE AFRIQUE (WHICH FREQUENTLY CRITICAL TOMBALBAYE) ONCE AGAIN REFERRED TO IN TERMS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGESTING PRESIDENT REGARDS IT AS OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF "ENEMY." FRANCH, HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM ACCUSATION AGAINST "INTERNATIONAL POWERS" IN INFOTCHAD EDITORIAL.

4. PRINCIPAL TOMBALBAYE EFFORT TO REASSURE NATION CAME IN THIRTY MINUTE RADIO BROADCAST NIGHT APRIL 7. SPEECH, READ SLOWLY BY PRESIDENT WHO SEEMED TIRED, WAS ANTI-CLIMAX. WHILE DESIRE OF UNNAMED ENEMIES DISRUPT PETROLEUM NEGOTIATIONS AND COTTON PRO-

DUCTION MENTIONED BRIEFLY, MAIN THRUST OF SPEECH WAS NECESSITY RETURN TO TRADITIONAL CHADIAN VALUES AND UNIQUENESS OF CHADIAN CULTURE. TOMBALBAYE RIDICULED THOSE CHADIANS WHO ARE "WESTERNIZED TO A FAULT, WHO REGARD MASS OF PEOPLE AS SAVAGES AND TREAT THEM AS SUCH," HE ACCUSED ENEMIES OF INCITING TRIBAL WARS AND OTHER DISTURBANCES FOR REASONS PERSONAL AGGRANDIZEMENT SO THAT THEY COULD PROCURE "RICHES, PLEASURES, AND MULTITUDE OF WOMEN, EUROPEAN, AMERICAN, AND OTHERS." PERORATION DEVOTED TO AN APPEAL, PARTICULARLY TO MILITARY AND TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES, FOR RENEWED DEDICATION TO "LOYALTY, DISCIPLINE, AND HONOR."

5. COMMENT: OF THREE INCIDENTS WEEK MARCH 30, FIRE AT N'DJAMENA CTS HEADQUARTERS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MOST SERIOUS, AS RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT SIZABLE QUANTITY ARMS STOLEN UNDER COVER OF FIRE AND NOT YET ACCOUNTED. OTHER TWO INCIDENTS APPEAR TO BE UNRELATED. AT ABOUT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, REPORTS HAVE REACHED EMB OF RESISTANCE TO FORCED LABOR IN COTTON FIELDS BY MERCHANTS OF KOUMRA WHICH REQUIRED TROOPS TO CALM SITUATION AND PERSONAL DISPUTE BETWEEN VISITING CTS COMMANDANT AND TRADITIONAL LEADER ("CHEF SUPERIEURE") IN MOUNDOU WHICH, TOGETHER WITH RELUCTANCE MOSLEM URBAN MERCHANTS WORK IN COTTON FIELDS, RESULTED IN "GENERAL STRIKE" OF DAY OR TWO. INCREASED EMPHASIS ON PARTICIPATING IN COTTON PRODUCTION ALSO EVIDENT IN N'DJAMENA WHERE EVEN AMEMB. THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL EMPLOYEES (TOGOLESE AND NIGERIAN) FOUND IT EXPEDIENT, AFTER VISIT FROM MNRCS "MILITANTS" TO GO TO COTTON

FIELDS FOR TWO-THREE DAYS. FOR MOMENT, EMB NOT CONVINCED EXISTENCE ANY EXTENSIVE CONSPIRACY, AND WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION ALLEGED ARMS THEFT DOES NOT SEE INCIDENTS INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY AS SERIOUS THREAT TOMBALBAYE OR HIS REGIME. IT WELL WITHIN BOUNDS POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT TOMBALBAYE HIMSELF MAY BE CONVINCED OF CONSPIRACY. PRESIDENT KNOWN TO BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE ON SUBJECT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION, AND UNTIL THIS WEEK HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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ALMOST COMPLETELY REFRAINED FROM HINTING IN PUBLIC THAT PETROLEUM EXPLORATIONS WERE ANYTHING MORE THAN PROMISING. "NEGOTIATIONS" REFERRED TO BY PRESIDENT ARE PRESUMABLY THOSE WHICH WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IF COMMERCIALY EXPLOITABLE QUANTITIES PETROLEUM PROVED. PETROLEUM REPRESENTS ABOUT ONLY SINGLE RESOURCE OF CHAD WHICH COULD BE SAID TO BE STIMULANT OF GREED OF "INTERNATIONAL MAFIA" AND WAS PROBABLY MENTIONED FOR THIS REASON. LITTLE

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